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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 6 May 2002, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on December 21, 1999 with ten claims, three of which were written in independent form. Claim 10 was amended on 4 February 2002. No claims have been allowed.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,486,878 to Negishi et al. (Negishi). The applicant respectfully disagrees and submits the Examiner has failed to present a prima facie case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

"To support the conclusion that the claimed combination is directed to obvious subject matter, either the references must expressly or impliedly suggest the claimed combination or the examiner must present a convincing line of reasoning as to why the artisan would have found the claimed invention to have been obvious in light of the teachings of the references." Ex parte